

**ELK TOWNSHIP  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
May 2, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Elk Township Committee was held on the above date in the Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sammons at 7:02PM.

The Open Public Meeting Notice was read. The Salute to the Flag and the Lord's Prayer were recited in unison.

Present were: Mr. Hollywood, Mr. Poisker, Mr. Rambo, Mayor Sammons, Mr. Considine, CFO, Mrs. Pine, Township Clerk, Mr. Duffield, Solicitor, Mr. Bitgood, Engineer and Chief Hughes. Mrs. Nicholson was absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of April 16, 2019 Work Session

Motion by Mr. Hollywood, seconded by Mr. Poisker to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2019 Work Session, all were in favor, motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Hollywood attended the Delsea School Board meeting and reported, the solar panels are installed, they are waiting on Atlantic City Electric to turn the system on. They are anticipating a \$60,000 savings on their electric. There will be a minor decrease in the 2019-2020 Delsea Regional School Budget. Aura School Budget will be a 42 cent decrease per \$100 of assessed value.

Mayor Sammons reported for Environmental. The Arbor Day celebration was a success. The girl scouts installed the new sign for Elephant Swamp Park. Many thanks to Jenna Master and Sydney McKeever for putting the project together and raising the funds for a new sign.

**POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

Chief Hughes reported the police department received 1162 calls for service, responded to 16 crashes with 11 injuries, issued 301 motor vehicle summons and made 10 arrests. Ptl. Opdyke attended Field Officer training. Lt. Gonnelli, Cpl. Hitzelberger, Ptl. Franklin, Wells, Messina, Hennelly and Branco attended CODIS (DNA processing) training.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Mr. Rambo read the fire department reports as submitted Ferrell Fire Company responded to 22 calls in April. Lawn's responded to 1 call and there was no report submitted by Aura.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Bitgood met with Aura I bond company, they are very cooperative and asked for a detailed punch list. Thornwood Dr. contractor needs to topsoil and seed an area.

Valle del Sol, the contractor is to correct a low area along the curb of Solar Ct.

There was discussion about CDBG application. Committee decided to apply for Iredell Lane, since it deteriorating quickly.

The annual Stormwater Report has been submitted.

**PUBLIC PORTION** on Agenda Items only.

Motion by Mr. Hollywood to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Poisker, all were in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Sammons asked if anyone had any questions on agenda items to come forward at this time.

No one came forward.

Motion by Mr. Hollywood to close the public portion, seconded by Mr. Poisker, all were in favor, motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION R-69-2019**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER TO PROVIDE FAMILY MOVIE ENTERTAINMENT**

Motion by Mr. Hollywood, seconded by Mr. Poisker to adopt and approve said Resolution, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mr. Hollywood	Yes
	Mr. Poisker	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

**RESOLUTION R-70-2019**

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SUBMISSION OF THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR OF 2018 RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

Motion by Mr. Hollywood, seconded by Mr. Poisker to adopt and approve said Resolution, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mr. Hollywood	Yes
	Mr. Poisker	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

**RESOLUTION R-71-2019**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING FORM OF MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE SUBMITTED BY GERALD A. BARRETT, LLC FOR THE RESURFACING AND SAFETY**

Motion by Mr. Hollywood, seconded by Mr. Poisker to adopt and approve said Resolution, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mr. Hollywood	Yes
	Mr. Poisker	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

**RESOLUTION R-72-2019**

**RESOLUTION TO REFUND MONEY TO DOVENMUEHLE MORTGAGE INC. FOR CATAUGA CALDWELL, A TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN FOR MAY 2019 TAXES**

Motion by Mr. Hollywood, seconded by Mr. Poisker to adopt and approve said Resolution, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mr. Hollywood	Yes
	Mr. Poisker	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

**RESOLUTION R-73-2019**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING FORM OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL FOR A PROJECT BY KEVIN EASE LANDSCAPING FOR PHASE 2 SITE AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS AFFECTING PARCEL KNOWN AS BLOCK 175, LOTS 8 AND 9**

Motion by Mr. Hollywood, seconded by Mr. Poisker to adopt and approve said Resolution, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mr. Hollywood	Yes
	Mr. Poisker	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

**RESOLUTION R-74-2019**  
**RESOLUTION TO GO INTO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACT**  
**NEGOTIATIONS IN REGARDS TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Motion by Mr. Hollywood, seconded by Mr. Poisker to adopt and approve said Resolution, all were in favor, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION R-75-2019**  
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER FOR**  
**COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS**

Motion by Mr. Hollywood, seconded by Mr. Poisker to adopt and approve said Resolution, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mr. Hollywood	Yes
	Mr. Poisker	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

**TOPIC:** Abdul Payne sent a letter concerning a payment plan on Block 157 Lot 5, a vacant property on Marion Street. There is a Municipal Lien on this property and he would like a payment plan. Mr. Duffield will check into this further.

**GLOUCESTER COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE,** Leona Mather was present. She announced that May is Older Americans month and there are several events planned. On May 7<sup>th</sup>, there is a public hearing on funding, May 14<sup>th</sup>, is senior health day at Auletto's, and the Spring Fling is the end of the month. RCGC is merging with Cumberland County Community College. Effective July 1<sup>st</sup> they be known as Rowan College of South Jersey. The cost per credit will be \$152. Scotland Run Park nature center was just refurbished and is now open. The county has a program, ACT, Adult Center for Transition, a program to afford young adults with disabilities the optimum opportunity to achieve a successful transition to adult life.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Motion by Mr. Hollywood to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Poisker, all were in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Sammons asked if anyone had any questions or comments or an issue they would like to bring to the township committee's attention to come forward, state your name and address, at this time.

Lou Schomber, 457 Ewan Road, asked for an update on the resolution to the problem with the Stormwater that is running onto his property from Valle del Sol. This has been an ongoing problem for 10 years and nothing has been done about it.

Mr. Poisker stated the township has been in contact with the NJ DEP and they would like the township to obtain a maintenance easement.

Mr. Schomber, emphatically stated he will never give the township an easement.

Mr. Rambo asked if he expressed his opposition to the development to the Planning Board during the development approval process.

Mr. Schomber stated he was not able to attend the Planning Board meeting when the developer was before the board; he was away at work.

Jennifer Johnson, 211 Buck Road, asked if there is an update to the drainage issue on Arch Street. Ms. Bey continues to pump water to the street, which is flooding her yard.

Mr. Duffield will review the township ordinance.

Mr. Schomber stated he took a ride and looked at the property that is pumping and states the property is higher than the road and water is going to drain to the street.

Motion by Mr. Hollywood to close the public portion, seconded by Mr. Poisker, all were in favor, motion carried.

**PAY BILLS:**

Motion by Mrs. Nicholson to Pay the Bills, seconded by Mr. Rambo, upon roll call motion was carried.

Roll Call:	Mr. Hollywood	Yes
	Mr. Poisker	Yes
	Mr. Rambo	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

**RECESS:**

Motion to recess by Mr. Hollywood, seconded by Mr. Poisker, all were in favor, the meeting recessed at 8:25PM.

Motion to re-enter the meeting by Mr. Hollywood, seconded by Mr. Poisker, the meeting reconvened at 9:32PM.

**Summary of Closed Session:**

Mr. Duffield summarized there was a lively conversation about the status of the police department. No decisions were made or action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Mr. Hollywood to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Poisker, all were in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debora R. Pine, RMC, CMC  
Township Clerk